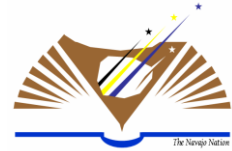




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Navajo Education Center closed indefinitely beginning 12/22

The Navajo Education Center in Window Rock will be closed beginning Wednesday to a to-be-determined date due a safety issue on the premises.

The heating system in the building has been out of operation for five weeks. The Navajo Occupational Safety and Health Administration (NOSHA) determined the building was unsafe for staff and issued a closure on December 22.

The 11 programs that make up the Department of Diné Education (DODE) have advised staff to relocate to new worksites within the Window Rock area or to arrange for telework. This did not apply to staff who do not work in the Navajo Education Center.

- DODE Administration staff will have space allotted at the Office of Diné School Improvement (ODSI) premises.
- Office of Diné Youth (ODY) staff have relocated to the Fort Defiance ODY Agency.
- Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (OSERS) staff have space designated in the Navajo Nation Library.
- Staff from the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance (ONNSFA) will relocate to the computer lab in the Navajo Nation Library.
- Staff from the Office of Education Research and Statistics (OERS) have indicated relocating to the Navajo Nation Library.
- Office of Standards, Curriculum & Assessment Development (OSCAD) staff have indicated they have moved to telework.
- Office of Diné Accountability and Compliance (ODAC) staff have indicated they can be accommodated in the ODSI premises.
- Cognia Navajo Nation staff have begun teleworking.

Updates to closures and relocations will be shared as they are finalized. Staff can be reached electronically through Navajo Nation email accounts.

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